

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

**MORE FISH ARRIVE TO FILLET
AND SPLIT—DEMAND FOR
ALEWIVES SLACKENS.**

Sch. William L. Putnam came down from Boston yesterday afternoon with 70,000 pounds of haddock which was taken out at the Gloucester Cold Storage branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries for filleting, while 20,000 pounds of cod will go to Pew's for splitting. Capt. Matthew Sears, her skipper, says that while on Brown's bank they saw several vessels, including the haddockers Lark, Wanderer and Gossoon. The Putnam had been gone 11 days. They have been haddocking since the first of the year.

This port was made a bit more cheery yesterday by the welcome presence of Capt. Val O'Neil, representing the Fishing Masters' Association of Boston, and Edward H. Cooley, secretary of the Massachusetts Fisheries Association, who dropped in at the Master Mariners' club-rooms and watched Capt. Peter Johnson show the younger skippers how to play cribbage. Incidentally they attended an important meeting.

Capt. Albina Pereira is getting sch. Portugal in readiness for the coming swordfishing season which is only a month away. The seiners now south will be here before June has grown very old, to join the throng.

One fisherman earned his nickname by his inventive talents. It seems that his name was Simmons, and he contrived a device by which a fisherman could "jig" for the well-known squid, and since the device was practical and handy, the fishermen knighted him "squidjig". It was an honorable title.

Sch. Eva Martin is getting ready to go blue fishing which doesn't mean that she is going to get the "blues" but is just planning to corral the choice aristocratic fish that hovers near the city of cities, New York. The vessel will probably get away by the end of next week. This will be her third season in this field. Ever had

it was a very busy time for the engineers, Forman Spinney and Joseph Dorey, to keep the craft going.

The dory trawler Lark, Capt. Ernest Parsons, was in port last night, coming down from Boston with about 75,000 pounds of large and medium cod which will be taken out at Davis Brothers' Fisheries. She fishes on Brown's.

Capt. Archie McLoud with sch. Catherine, dropped into North Sydney, Cape Breton, yesterday, to get bait and supplies, while en route to the halibut grounds at Grand Bank. This is the first American boat to take supplies in a Cape Breton port under the revived *modus vivendi* law, they say.

They're giving sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud a thorough painting, as one may see by visiting the Atlantic Supply wharf, for Skipper Jimmy Abbott and his crew will soon take her out to the banks chasing the haddock.

Of all the names to know a "dory-mate" by, "Fog-horn Gus" seems to Squibs about the worst, but there actually was a fisherman who was known by no other handle than that. Then too, there was "Kite", "Michigan Jim", "Click" and even "High-heel Johnnie." That's plenty for today. Who were they? Ask the "man-at-the-wheel" he probably knows.

NEARLY 200,000 POUNDS RECEIVED

**SMALL FARES GO TO THE SPLIT-
TERS—GILL NETTERS HAD
39,000 POUNDS.**

Nearly 200,000 pounds of fresh and salt fish were brought into port since yesterday, mostly cod.

Sch. Lark came down from Boston with 75,000 pounds of large and medium cod for Davis Brothers' Fisheries; sch. Teaser from Boston with 20,000 pounds of cod for the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries; sch. Hesperus from Boston with 20,000 pounds of fresh cod and 10,000 pounds of salt cod for the Frank F. Smith Fish Company. The gill netters, 11 of them, had a total of 39,500 pounds of haddock and cod, while 19 trawlers accounted for 34,100 pounds of fresh fish, most of which was cod.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Lark, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. large cod, 30,000 lbs. medium cod.
Teaser, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. cod.
Hesperus, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 salt cod.
Minerva, trawling, 4000 lbs. cod.
Helen and Louise, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Elsie, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Helen L., trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
White Star, trawling, 1200 lbs. cod.
Florence and John, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Plymouth Rock, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.
Cora Jane, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Jones Brothers, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.
Theresa, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Alcano, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.
Grace A., trawling, 5000 lbs. cod.
Ripple, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod.
C951, trawling, 2700 lbs. cod.
C2052, trawling, 1800 lbs. cod.
Gertrude E., trawling, 2500 lbs. cod.
C1139, trawling, 2400 lbs. cod.
Rosie Marie, trawling, 1500 lbs. cod.
Six Brothers, trawling, 1500 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 5500 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 5000 lbs. haddock.
Enterprise, 5000 lbs. haddock.
Naomi Bruce II., 3500 lbs. haddock.
made enough to pay expenses. The boats are doing quite well codfishing when weather permits the getting out. The price offered, \$1.00 a hundred weight, is low.

Portland Fish News

After a week's fishing off Mount Desert Rock, Capt. Tom Holbrook brought the schooner Benjamin Thompson to port Wednesday with 45,000 pounds of groundfish, the largest catch taken out at Portland this season. The schooner Aberrance, Capt. Everett Dexter, former record-holder, came in with 25,000 pounds.

The schooner Sunapee, Capt. Ed Smith, was reported at New York Wednesday with 11,000 pounds of large mackerel, the first catch of a Portland seiner this season.

The Boston trawler Marie DeCosta, commanded by the veteran Capt. Bill Devine, ran in Wednesday to replenish her water supply and in the afternoon sailed for Boston with 60,000 pounds of groundfish, caught off the Western Banks, Nova Scotia. Captain Devine started on the trip to the banks two weeks ago, and reported that the weather was unusually bad the first week out.

Other arrivals were the Pofisco, with 7000 pounds, the Elizabeth B., with 6000 pounds and the Richard J. with 4000 pounds.

MORE MACKEREL AT THE FISH PIER

**FOUR FARES AMONG 25 ARRIV-
ALS—MARKET DOWN ON ALL
VARIETIES.**

Prices continued at a low level at the Boston fish pier this morning when a fleet of 25 vessels, including four seiners, brought fares to market. Several held over from yesterday. Total receipts were 770,000 pounds of groundfish, 76,000 pounds of small and 25,000 pounds of large and medium mackerel, 4000 pounds of halibut and 195,000 pounds of mixed fish. Seiners are Jackie B., Capt. Drum, Serafina N., Josephine and Mary. They received 2.3 to 2.75 cents for small and 3 1-2 cents for large mackerel.

Haddock sold for \$1.50 to \$3; large cod, \$1.50 and market cod, \$1 to \$1.50.

A shipment of 600 barrels of fresh mackerel came in by rail yesterday. The Yarmouth boat had 536 crates of live lobsters.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Fordham, 62,000 haddock, 68,000 cod, 35,000 mixed fish.
Str. Dorchester, 35,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 44,000 mixed fish.
Waltham II., 18,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Elvira Gaspar, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
Yankee, 30,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.
Sadie M. Nunan, 18,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Mary A., 10,000 cod, 4000 halibut.
Ellen T. Marshall, 90,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 6500 mixed fish.
Cape Ann, 28,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 3700 mixed fish.
Henrietta, 48,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.
Rhodora, 34,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
Mary DeCosta, 4000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Mary P. Goulart, 85,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 7200 mixed fish.
Jackie B., 45,000 small mackerel.
Capt. Drum, 25,000 large and medium mackerel.
Serafina N., 14,000 small mackerel.
Josephine and Mary, 17,000 small mackerel.

Canoe—Some herring in nets. Ice available.

Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lockport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available.

North Sydney—One hundred twenty-five barrels herring in trap nets. About same amount in gill nets. Five bankers arrived yesterday, will bait and sail today. Plenty ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—No bait. Queensport—About 50 barrels herring in nets. Setting traps today. Schs. Beatrice Beck, Mabel Dorothy and Progressive Second arrived in port yesterday.

St. Anns—Eighty barrels herring sold today from one trap. Plenty bait left. Ice available. No vessels in port.

Shelburne—Eighty thousand pounds frozen herring and ice available.

Yarmouth—Five hundred thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Grindstone—Open ice off shore at West Point and Etang du Nord. None elsewhere. Pleasant Bay all clear. Plenty herring and ice at Amherst. Grindstone and Point Basse.

The auxiliary yacht Indra, owned by William M. Pond of Cambridge, which winters at Rocky Neck, will get ready soon for an inspection, preparatory for sailing wherever her owner wishes.

The faithful horse is getting to be a rarity along the waterfront but there are still a couple left in the employ of the Gorton-Pew Company. Their names are Tom and Ben and they draw the last of the jiggers of this firm which in the old days had over a dozen fine horses and several jiggers with a stable at the old Cunningham & Thompson place at the Fort. Louis Landry is the driver of these 11-year old horses who haul fish from one wharf to another, and also to the railroad depot. They are another part of the vanishing romance of the fisheries.

Among the missing along the waterfront, is one, Capt. Rufus McKay, the man who is said to have taught the famous Ethel Barrymore, stage-land's undisputed ace of aces, the Yankee language. As the story goes, Miss Ethel was returning home from abroad as a passenger on an English liner when in some marine fashion, the liner came near ramming Skipper Rufe's vessel. Rufe straightforth bellowed his very frank opinion of the liner's doughty captain and almost blanched the skipper's gold braid with his expressive words. It was a real treat to the heroine of the drama.

OVER 9100 WERE ENGAGED IN THE FISHERIES IN 1931

(Special to the Times).

Washington, May 4.—Bay Staters engaged in fishing as a means of livelihood totaled 9180 during 1931 when the number of fishing vessels numbered 418. The figures are from the Bureau of Fisheries.

Of the total number of Bay State fishermen, 4403 were on vessels and 2945 regularly on boats and shore, with 1832 listed as having casual employment in the latter class. The total number of fishermen in New England was 17,888 and the number of fishing vessels 706.

The total catch by Bay State fishermen aggregated 355,833,823 pounds valued at \$12,951,008 in 1931. The entire New England catch of 540,297,920 pounds that year was valued at \$20,140,288.

A comparison of the 1931 catch and value thereof, with the years 1928, 1929 and 1930 reveals the year of the beginning of the depression as the gala year for the Massachusetts fishing industry. In 1929 the total catch aggregated 447,689,000 pounds valued at \$18,052,000, whereas in 1928 it amounted to 380,169,000 pounds worth \$15,649,000, and in 1930 dropped to 442,474,000 pounds valued at \$16,289,000.

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CAPT. JOE PALAZOLLA IS HIGH LINE OF MACKEREL FLEET— CREW SHARE \$320

The crew of the local mackerel seiner Jackie B., have shared \$95 each, while the total stock for the vessel since Capt. Stephen Post took her south, is \$3125.27, all made within 20 days. The Jackie B., left port on April 14, and arrived in this port last night about 5 o'clock, coming down from Boston, where they sold their 45,000 pounds of small mackerel which they caught 35 miles from Cape May.

That stock sounds good—and is good! But before you gather any false impressions and think that the fishermen must be prosperous, pause a moment and learn that Skipper Steve and his men are among the high-liners this season, the very few vessels which have broken a little better than even. And even the high-liners are making only \$5 each day, which is very good for this world today, but don't forget that those same men who earn every cent they make, also went through a mighty lean winter of much harder trips, with their only satisfaction of being in debt when they arrived in port.

Against that good stock, which is far below what it should have been for the amount of fish caught, there are the many seiners who have not paid for the expense of fitting out for the fuel their engines consume on the southern voyage. As the old wag used to say, "Tis a great life if you don't weaken."

Steve tells Squibs that the seiners are working between Five Fathoms bank off Cape May, where the small fish roam, as far as within 25 miles of Barnegat Lightship, which is about 60 miles from New York port, where the large mackerel are schooling. The fish are late in moving north this season, and the fleet has stayed nearer Cape May longer than usual.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Joseph Goulart, arrived from the south yesterday afternoon, where they have been dragging for scup and sea bass all winter. The dragger is docking at Frank F. Smith's wharf.

Skipper Joe Palazolla, who went to Boston to sell his mackerel, 17,000 pounds of them, dropped in this port yesterday afternoon in the seiner, Josephine and Mary, and paid his friends a visit. They say each member of his crew have shared \$320, which certainly makes them high line. They have made seven trips, catching over 200,000 pounds, since April 14, when they landed his first fare at Cape May. His last trip was caught 25 miles south of Five Fathom Lightship.

Lobster Season Opens.

The lobster season opened at Brule, N. S., on Monday, May 1. A number of men who have been unable to find other employment are engaged in lobstering. Although the price is low to suit the fishermen, perhaps quantity will make up the difference.

Roy Weatherby of Brule Point, who has charge of a lobster factory there formerly occupied by his father, the late R. S. Weatherby of Barrasosis, has engaged a number from Brule. Walter Craig is again re-engaged as bookkeeper.

Lionel Gould of New Brunswick has recently arrived here where he will again be manager. Mrs. Neil McPherson of French River is engaged as cook.

MORE FISH SENT TO THE SPLITTERS

FIRST MACKEREL FARE OF SEASON LANDED TODAY AT THE FORT.

Over 300,000 pounds of fresh fish have been landed here since yesterday, with most of it going to the splitters and for filleting. From Boston came sch. Ellen T. Marshall with 95,000 pounds of haddock for filleting at the Gloucester Cold Storage, and 28,000 pounds of cod for splitting at the Pew wharf. Sch. Rhodora with 30,000 each of haddock and cod, the former for filleting at the Cold Storage, and the cod for splitting at the Pew wharf. Sch. Cape Ann, with 28,000 pounds of cod for Booth Fisheries, which firm also had 20,000 pounds of large cod sent down over the road from Boston.

The biggest news of the day was the arrival of the mackerel seiner Superior, Capt. John A. Dahmler, who surprised everybody by coming from the south early this morning, 6 o'clock to be exact, with 3000 pounds of large and 3000 pounds of small mackerel, which he sold to the Producers Fish Company at the Fort. Sam Curcurru, acting manager of the Producers, took charge of the mackerel and shipped them to Boston. Many flocked to the Producers wharf when the news of the arrival spread. Other seiners which came home last night for a brief stay before returning south, had a few mackerel aboard enough for their families, but none to sell.

The gill netters, 13 of them, had 63,700 pounds of haddock and cod, while three trawlers had 6000 pounds, and one dragger had 3000 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Superior, Cape May, New Jersey, 3000 lbs. large mackerel, 3000 lbs. small mackerel.

Ellen T. Marshall via Boston, 95,000 lbs. haddock, 28,000 lbs. cod.

Rhodora, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. haddock, 30,000 lbs. cod.

Minerva, trawling, 4500 lbs. cod.

Whiffen, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod.

Al Stanton, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.

Salvatore and Rosalie, Norfolk, to fit for seining.

Inca, Norfolk, to refit for seining.

Jackie B., via Boston.

Josephine and Mary, via Boston.

A. Piatt Andrew, via Norfolk.

Mariner, dragging, 3000 lbs. mixed fish.

Cape Ann, via Boston, 28,000 lbs. cod.

Overland, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Phyllis A., 9000 lbs. haddock and cod.

Virginia and Joan, 6000 lbs. cod, 3000 lbs. haddock.

Naomi Bruce II., 6300 lbs. cod.

Edna Fae, 6000 lbs. cod.

Elizabeth and James, 5000 lbs. haddock.

Mary A., 6000 lbs. haddock.

Enterprise, 5000 lbs. cod.

Lucretia, 4000 lbs. cod.

C. A. Meister, 3900 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 2500 lbs. cod.

Liboria C., 2500 lbs. cod.

Eliza C. Riggs, 2500 lbs. cod.

Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. cod.